

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The amendment of claim 1 is also objected to as introducing new matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection to the amendment and the rejection of claims 1-7 and 9. The elements of claim 1 are supported in the specification as filed. Paragraph 36 refers to a polyester core layer. This core need not consist only of polyester. Moreover, claim 32, as originally filed, provided additional written description support because it recited: "the core layer comprises polyester, such that when the laminate is bonded directly to the laminate, there is no discernable interface between the laminate and the core." Based on at least these aspects of the original specification and claims, the amendment to claim 1 is not new matter and has written description support.

Claim 31 is rejected as being indefinite as being inconsistent with claim 30. Claim 31 recites that the core layer comprises a preprinted polyolefin substrate in addition to comprising polyester. The phrase: "core layer comprises polyester" is open ended and therefore is consistent with claim 31.

Regarding the rejection of claims 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) and 103(a), the cited references (Winter and Yabe) fail to teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 17 and 19. Claim 17 has been amended to refer to a laminate for a document and a core layer of a document. The cited references fail to teach this structure.

In view of the above, the claims should be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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